

The Maryland State School for the Deaf was established in 1868. The Governor appoints the members of the Board of Visitors for an indefinite term (Acts 1867, ch. 247; 1868, ch. 409; 1880, ch. 19). All scholarships are free to deaf children of the State and including children with a degree of hearing loss which makes it essential that they receive special instructions. The average enrollment over the past ten years has been 155. The aim of the school is to make children with impaired hearing self-supporting members of society. Academic courses extend to the equivalent of junior high school in addition to vocational training for boys and for girls. Speech and lip reading, aided by the use of multiple hearing aids, is taught to all. The use of individual hearing aids is encouraged, and audiometric tests are made periodically and form a permanent file. A member of the teaching staff since 1937 has devoted full time to the testing of hearing among public school children throughout the counties of the State.

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| Appropriations | 1955 | 1956 |
| General Fund | \$255,034 | \$257,477 |
| Staff: 57. | | |

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MARYLAND WORKSHOP FOR THE BLIND

Chairman and Counsel: John G. Schilpp, 1957
 Charles M. See, 1957; Henry P. Irr, 1957; William T. Shackelford, Jr., 1957; Murray T. Donoho, 1957.
 William S. Ratchford, Secretary and Superintendent

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The Maryland Workshop for the Blind is a State institution, incorporated in 1908. Control is vested in a Board of five Trustees, three of whom are appointed by the Governor, with Senate approval, and two are elected by the Board of Directors of the Maryland School for the Blind.

The Workshop is conducted for the training and employment of all adult blind citizens of Maryland. It operates through departments—Industrial, which manufactures medical items, textile materials, brooms, mops and also chair caning; Home Service, which provides training for the blind in their homes and aids them in their personal adjustment to blindness; and the Vending Stand Department which licenses and establishes vending stands in many of the public buildings of the State. In addition to these services, the Workshop is a distributing agent for the U. S. Government owned talking book machines and provides white canes, without charge, to blind persons (Code 1951, Code 1955, Art. 30, secs. 6-8, 10, 11).

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| Appropriations | 1955 | 1956 |
| General Fund | \$57,973 | \$96,059 |

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UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND AND STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

The Board of Regents and State Board of Agriculture

Chairman: William P. Cole, Jr., 1958
 Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, 1956; Charles P. McCormick,

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1965